

ultimately help reduce regulatory burdens on all stakeholders in the watershed. Stimson Lumber Company, who logged the area since the mid-1800s and had gradually phased out its timber operations on this property, initiated the sale of the land.

The property was purchased by Save-the-Redwoods-League and the State of California for \$60 million. The purchase price was funded by a variety of state sources, including \$42.5 million from Proposition 12, Proposition 13, Salmon Habitat Funding (SB271) and the Governor's Land Conservation Matching Grants. Save-the-Redwoods League provided \$15 million and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided an additional \$2.5 million.

As a result of negotiations between the State, Save-the-Redwoods-League, Stimson Lumber and Del Norte County, a mitigation payment was established to off-set the loss of local property tax revenue. Del Norte County received a one-time \$5 million payment. The county has preserved the principal and hope one day to be able to invest the interest to grow the fund.

This legislation is supported by the State of California, the National Park Service, the County of Del Norte, Save-the-Redwoods-League and many of my constituents. Passing it today will strengthen the management of these lands and benefit visitors who come from across the country and around the world to see the redwoods and it will help protect important coho habitat.

Again, thank you for your support of this bill which will help both the National Park Service and the California Department of Parks and Recreation work more efficiently and cost effectively. I urge your "aye" vote.

TSUNAMI READINESS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I shared the letter below from Admiral Lautenbacher, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), to all U.S. coastal governors as well as the governors of U.S. territories.

During a recent radio broadcast, I heard a NOAA official state that it was not a question of if a tsunami would hit the United States, but when. The letter below from Admiral Lautenbacher confirms this statement.

It is my hope that our coastal states will contact the NOAA National Weather Service state liaison to receive more information about NOAA's TsunamiReady program.

It was only one year ago that the deadly tsunami struck Indonesia. We must not forget this tragedy and should remember how important it is to be prepared in the event of a natural disaster.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE, THE UNDER SEC-
RETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS
AND ATMOSPHERE,

Washington, DC, November 22, 2005.

Hon. FRANK WOLF,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WOLF: Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion's (NOAA) tsunami education and community preparedness programs.

All coastal communities in the United States are at some risk. It is a matter of when, not if, a tsunami will strike. The anniversary of the devastating Indonesian tsunami of December 26, 2004, can serve as an opportunity to educate residents of the United States about our vulnerability to tsunamis, and help them minimize personal risk.

Many lives can be saved during a tsunami if the community and local emergency managers are educated and prepared. NOAA has a ready-to-implement program available to coastal communities called TsunamiReady. The TsunamiReady program helps ensure a community is prepared—from understanding what is a tsunami, to ensuring a warning notification system is in place, and establishing evacuation routes and response actions in case of a tsunami warning.

One key to a successful warning program is public notification. TsunamiReady uses NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) as one method to alert individuals when a warning is issued. NOAA Weather Radio continuously broadcasts National Weather Service forecasts, warnings, and other crucial weather information. NOAA Weather Radios can be programmed to receive information specific to a certain area, and sounds an alarm to alert users to dangerous situations, including tsunamis.

For further information, please contact Kim Campbell (Kimberly.Campbell@noaa.gov), NOAA's National Weather Service Performance and Awareness Branch Chief, at (301) 713-0462 extension 118, or the appropriate State Liaison office from the enclosed list.

We appreciate your ongoing interest in NOAA.

Sincerely,

CONRAD C. LAUTENBACHER, JR.,
*Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Under Sec-
retary of Commerce for Oceans and At-
mosphere.*

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IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HAROLD "SANDY" SANDELMAN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Harold "Sandy" Sandelman, a resident of Laguna Woods, California, for turning 100 years old on November 26, 2005.

Mr. Sandelman, a son of a Russian immigrant, was born in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, on November 26, 1905. In 1912, his family moved to Detroit, Michigan where Mr. Sandelman attended high school and became known for his ability to sing, dance, and play the banjo. In fact, the students named Mr. Sandelman "Banjo Buddy" because of his passion for playing the instrument.

Following high school, Mr. Sandelman attended Wayne State University for one year. After a year of college, Mr. Sandelman returned to Detroit and worked for Metro Goldwin Mayer selling motion pictures to various theatres in southern Michigan. Mr. Sandelman also worked in the advertising business for several years before becoming a salesman of building materials until he retired at the age of 75.

Mr. Sandelman has also enjoyed a long life of playing golf from age fifteen into his early nineties. His drive, energy and enthusiasm should encourage us all to live life to the fullest.

Mr. Sandelman is the father of Mrs. Carole Lynn Jones who is married to Mr. Robert R. Jones, who resides in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a part of Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, which I represent.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to wish Mr. Sandelman a happy 100th birthday.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ERNIE TALBERT

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Brigadier General Ernie Talbert. This amazing man was also the first African American promoted to the rank of general in the 350-year history of the Delaware National Guard. I chose to wait until today to recognize General Talbert's first because today is also another great first—it is Delaware Day, which signifies the birth of our Nation. At his promotion ceremony on December 4, 2005, he was described by Major General Frank Vavala, as